

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 19th: Great & Holy PASCHA

Monday, April 20th~ Saturday April 25th: "New or Bright Week"

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Sunday, April 26th: New Sunday (St. Thomas)



CHARITABLE GIFT PROGRAM

It is with appreciation and gratitude that we announce the reception of a generous gift from the Family of *Steve W. Kilsey* to the Charitable Gift Program.

Steve was an exemplary steward in our Church sharing his talent, time and treasure his entire life to help fulfill the mission of our Church.

May his memory be eternal!

"With the spirits of the righteous made perfect, give rest to the soul of the servant Steve, O Savior: and preserve him in that life of blessedness which is with thee."

CHARITABLE GIFT PROGRAM

Father Isaac was a strong proponent of the concept of the Charitable Gift Program. He encouraged parishioners to participate and valued the idea of what the program would mean for the future of our Church.

He not only encouraged parishioners to participate but he and Khourie Dolly while they were here made a gift to St. Mary to have included Father Isaac's grandmother, Kamal Nassif, memory eternal, as a participant.

To honor Father's leadership and commitment to the Charitable Gift Program, St. Mary has gratefully included *Father Isaac* as a participant. Memory Eternal!

"With the spirits of the righteous made perfect, give rest to the soul of they servant Isaac, O Savior and preserve him in that life of blessedness which is with thee."

SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



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Schedule of Services

<i>Sunday: Orthros (Matins)</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Church School</i>	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Sunday: Divine Liturgy</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>

*Enter in Quietness, Rest in Prayer,
Worship in Reverence, Depart in Peace to Serve*

We welcome our Visitors & Guests: Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor Card.
We invite you to join us for coffee hour at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

Receiving Communion: Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may approach the chalice for Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after the Liturgy.



Prayer Line

St. Mary ~ Internet Prayer Line
Prayer requests can be sent to us via the internet at
office@stmarypawtucket.org

All requests must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that week's bulletin.
Any requests received after that time will be included in the following week's bulletin.

CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!

The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Paschal Homily of our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom

If anyone be devout and a lover of God, let him enjoy this beautiful and radiant Feast of Feasts! If anyone is a wise servant, let him rejoice and enter into the joy of his Lord! If anyone has wearied himself in fasting, let him now receive his reward! If anyone has laboured from the first hour, let him today receive his just recompense! If anyone has come at the third hour, with thanksgiving let him keep the Feast! If anyone has arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings for he shall suffer no loss! If anyone has delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near without hesitation! If anyone has arrived even at the eleventh hour, let him not fear on account of his delay. For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, just as to him who has laboured from the first. He has mercy upon the last, and cares for the first; to the one He gives, and to the other, He is also gracious. He is also gracious. He both honors the work and praises the intention. ENTER, ALL OF YOU, INTO THE JOY OF OUR LORD! Whether you are first or last, receive your reward! O rich and poor, one with another, dance for joy! O you ascetics and you negligent, celebrate this Day! You that have fasted and you that have neglected the fast, rejoice today! The table is richly laden; feast royally, all of you! The calf is fatted; let no one go away hungry. Let all partake of the Feast of Faith. Let all receive the riches of goodness. Let no one lament his poverty, for the Universal Kingdom has been revealed! Let no one mourn for his sins, for Forgiveness has dawned from the Tomb! Let no one fear Death, for our Saviour's death has set us free! He that was taken by Death has annihilated it! He descended into Hades and took Hades captive! He embittered Hades when it tasted His Flesh! Anticipating this, the Prophet Isaiah exclaimed, "Hades was embittered when it encountered Thee in the lower regions." Hades was embittered for it was abolished! Hades was embittered for it was mocked! Hades was embittered for it was purged! Hades was embittered for it was despoiled! Hades was embittered for it was bound in chains! Hades took a body and met God face to face! Hades took Earth and encountered Heaven! Hades took what it saw, but crumbled before what it had not seen! "O death, where is thy sting?" O Hades, where is thy victory?" CHRIST IS RISEN, and you are overthrown! CHRIST IS RISEN, and the demons are fallen! CHRIST IS RISEN, and the Angels rejoice! CHRIST IS RISEN, and Life reigns! CHRIST IS RISEN, and not one dead remains in the tombs! For Christ being raised from the dead has become the first-fruits of them that slept! To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages!

Amen.



Orthodox Vocabulary

The Resurrection: The Feast of Feasts

Beloved the Apostle says, and so do we all, that our great religions become impoverished if they do not speak about resurrection.

The religions of the Middle East are religions of resurrection. Christianity is, first and last, a religion of resurrection. If there is no resurrection, we live only to eat, drink, and reproduce; then we die and are finished. This life is not worthy of man, because it has no meaning in the end.

Beloved, the Church calls for the Resurrection to be celebrated as the greatest of all feasts and seasons, because no other feast or occasion can stand beside it. The Resurrection is unique. It is the summit of feasts, the summit of what we aspire to, what we desire, and what we pray for. Therefore, we speak today with joy, asking God once more that our joy become general throughout humanity.

On the day of Resurrection, we want the whole world to be the vision and fragrance of beauty. We want the heart of every man to be a spring of hope and expectation in the Resurrection of Christ. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!



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Orthodox Vocabulary

Paschal Lamb

This was the lamb eaten at the Jewish Passover. The lambs were sacrificed in the Temple on the afternoon of 14 Nisan. Then they were taken by the people to their homes and eaten during the night. In the New Testament, the Jewish Passover found its fulfillment in Christ. St. Paul, in his I Epistle to the Corinthians (5:7) says, 'Christ our Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed' When John the Baptist saw Christ coming, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!', St. John's Gospel (1:29). The lamb eaten by the Orthodox on Easter signifies more the Resurrected Christ who by His sacrifice redeemed man, and may be taken as a faint echo of His call during the Last Supper for His followers to partake of His Body and Blood. The Orthodox Paschal lamb bears no affinity to the Hebrew Paschal lamb and should not be confused with it.



Great and Holy PASCHA

PASCHAL APOLYTIKION: Tone 5

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (ONCE)

HYPAKOE OF PASCHA: Tone 4

When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel: Why seek ye among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abideth in everlasting light? Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who saveth the race of man.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA: Tone 8

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICE)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Dynamis!

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

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The Epistle

Acts 1:1-8

Prokeimenon: This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

The Gospel

John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:

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Mark Hashway
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Kh. Dolly Crow
Simon Karam
Edward Betor
Josephine Karam
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Paula Hallal
Offered by: Holly Lazieh & Sons & Bob Dessaint

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The Kassab Family
Offered by: Sharon, Chuck, Cindy & their Families

The Hawwa, Khoury, Chamoun & Ferrari Families
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Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

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Our Cousin, Ed Kassab, victim of the Covid-19 pandemic
and all victims of this tragedy
Offered by: Sharon, Chuck, Cindy & their Families

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Offered by: Elaine Swistak

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